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NPRM: Flight Plan Requirements for Helicopter Operations Under Instrument

Flight Rules

Gentlemen:

As provided in this notice I believe that this rule will have a positive effect on air commerce particularly for helicopter operations. Both the NTSB and the FAA ARAC have made suggestions that would be implemented by this rule. The reduction of helicopter marginal weather accidents alone make this change worthwhile.

I urge the Administrator to pass this rule in its entirety and to continue to review ways to develop the uniqueness of the helicopter.

As an aside I prefer the partially tabular format.

Very Truly Yours,

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